

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PROCLAMATION

All children deserve the nurturing support of loving adults. One of our fundamental duties as parents, relatives and caretakers is to ensure that our kids learn and grow in favorable environments that encourage their maturation into responsible adults. Sadly, every year hundreds of thousands of children are subjected to brutal treatment by those charged with their safekeeping.

As a civilized society, we are obligated to do all we can to prevent child abuse. The compassionate spirit of California's citizens has mobilized countless volunteers, counselors and government agencies from around the state to combat this despicable practice. This month, we recognize the dedication of these advocates and reaffirm our commitment to ending child abuse in all its forms.

I encourage Californians to come together this April to raise awareness of this important issue and participate in the fight to protect our children from those who would wish them harm. With the continuing efforts of concerned citizens and ever-increasing public awareness, we continue to advance the noble mission of providing safe and stable homes for California's children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim April 2006, as "Child Abuse Prevention Month."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 12th day of April 2006.



Handwritten signature of Arnold Schwarzenegger in black ink.

Arnold Schwarzenegger
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA
Attest:

Handwritten signature of Bruce McPherson in black ink.

Bruce McPherson
SECRETARY OF STATE